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June 21 - 22, 2012
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**Advancing the Dignity Agenda: New Approaches to Protecting
Human Rights and Expanding Democratic Participation**

The Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance

Thursday, June 21

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome & Overview:**
Moderator: **David Yang**, Director, The Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance, USAID
Sarah Mendelson, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID
Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID
- 9:30 – 10:30 **Keynote Address:**
New Approaches to Promoting Human Dignity in the Wake of the Arab Spring
Tawakkol Karman, Recipient of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Panel:**
New Approaches to Preventing Atrocities
Yvette Alberdingk Thijm, Executive Director, WITNESS
Cameron Hudson, Senior Advisor, Committee on Conscience, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
Jonathan Hutson, Director of Communications, Enough Project
Moderator: **Sarah Mendelson**, USAID
- 12:30 – 1:45 Lunch
- 1:45 – 3:00 **A Conversation:**
New Approaches to Expanding the Political Participation of Women and Girls
Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Eleanor Roosevelt Lecturer on Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
Nancy Lindborg, USAID
- 3:00 – 3:30 Coffee Break
- 3:30 – 5:00 **Panel:**
New Approaches to Empowering Citizens and Making Governments More Transparent
Nathaniel Heller, Executive Director, Global Integrity
Warren Krafchik, Director, International Budget Partnership
Andrew Rasiej, Publisher, Personal Democracy Media
Oscar Salazar, Chief Executive Officer, CitiVox
Moderator: **David Yang**, USAID
- 5:00 – 6:30 Happy Hour (No-Host)

Friday, June 22

9:00 – 10:30

Panel:

New Approaches to Promoting Civil Society and Addressing Old Challenges

Natalia Bourjaily, Vice President for Eurasia, ICNL

Mary Joyce, Executive Director, Meta-Activism Project

David Kramer, President, Freedom House

Moderator: **Larry Garber**, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning, USAID

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Panel:

New USAID Approaches to Supporting Democracy, Human Rights and Governance

Sarah Mendelson, USAID

Joshua Kaufman & Barbara Smith, Co-Chairs, Policy Task Team on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance, USAID

Commentator: **Thomas Carothers**, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Moderator: **David Yang**, USAID